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SUBJECT: NAZIF AFFIRMS IMPORTANCE OF ESF, PLEDGEST CONTINUED REFORM
AND DOWNPLAYS NEW MEDIA LAW

REF: A) CAIRO 931 B) CAIRO 397 C) CAIRO 1370 D) CAIRO 1560 E) CAIRO 730 Classified by Ambassador Margaret Scobey for reason 1.4 (d).
1.(C) SUMMARY: In a meeting with the Ambassador, Prime Minister Nazif said that it is essential that the GOE continue with its economic reform
2.(C) Ambassador called on Prime Minister Ahmed Nazif on September 22 to review the status of the economic reform program and ESF issues, accom
3.(C) When asked about plans for continued reform, Nazif explained that the GOE had made its commitment to economic reform clear at the WEF in
4.(C) Another major goal is to revitalize the privatization process. The GOE plans to rehire the consultant for the Banque du Caire privatizati
5.(C) On the issue of energy, the prime minister observed that energy prices in Egypt did not change between 1992 and 2004. Since 2004, gasolin
6.(C) The Ambassador reminded Nazif that the Administration has proposed \$200m in ESF for Egypt in 2009, but that Congress has not taken any ac
7.(C) The Ambassador outlined what we have been told by MIC's Fayza Abounnaga; that the Egypt government does not accept this level, and that r
8.(C) In discussing the future of the overall program, the Ambassador underlined that it is important to the U.S. to remain engaged in projects
9.(C) The Ambassador noted the importance of not backtracking on progress made in media freedom, and expressed concern about press reports abou
10.(C) The Ambassador noted that the President would be speaking about D&G in New York that day at a democracy luncheon, and the issue of Aymar